

## WITNESS IN OIL INQUIRY PLEADS FOR IMMUNITY

Afraid of Prosecution in Answering Questions, So Court Lifts Ban.

FINDLAY, Oct. 15.—When the trial of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio for alleged conspiracy against trade was resumed here to-day John O'Brien, of Lima, O., superintendent of the Buckeye Pipe Line Company, was put on the stand immediately.

When asked what was his business the witness appealed to the Court. He said the answer would tend to incriminate him and asked for immunity from further prosecution.

Attorney Phelps, for the defense, remarked:

"Well, I guess we will have to make him immune," and the Court ordered the witness to answer questions. This order extends the immunity.

No more objection to answering questions was made and the witness, after stating that he was superintendent of the Lima division of the company, gave the geographical bounds of this division.

Mr. O'Brien described the process of gathering the oil from the producers tanks, which hold from sixty to one hundred barrels each from where the oil is run into storage tanks. In the several tanks containing the Lima division the company has between five hundred and six hundred storage tanks, each of which holds about 20,000 barrels.

One end of the division's pipe line is the Indiana Pipe Line Company at Huntington, Ind., and it was well known that the Indiana Pipe Line Company had the refinery at Whiting, Ind., the witness said he had testimony from knowledge of the Indiana Pipe Line Company at Whiting and could not testify from knowledge.

There was also an Eastern connection for the lines of the Buckeye, but witness could give no details.

## CAUGHT HER MAN BY HER FUNNY STORY

Mary Marsh Made Harris Laugh and Show a Peculiarly Marked Tooth.

A funny story figured conspicuously in a detective trial which Mary Marsh, of No. 20 East One Hundred and Fourth street, related in the Harlem Police Court to-day. She had arranged Abraham Harris, of No. 32 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, whom she declared married her twelve years ago and deserted her two months later. A policeman saw her running through St. Nicholas avenue after the man and he arrested both.

She told Magistrate Walsh that she saw Harris walking in upper Eighth avenue and thought from his walk that he was the escaped scoundrel. Not being certain she called him and he admitted she had the funny story and when Harris opened his mouth to laugh she recognized him by a strangely shaped tooth.

The police officer, however, did not believe Harris was married to the woman and discharged him.

## DROWNED MAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN STRANGLED.

Suspicious Marks on Throat Caused Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon to Refuse Burial.

Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon has asked the police of the West Forty-seventh street station to investigate the death of Rocco Facciola, who was found in the North River at the foot of Sixty-eighth street last Saturday with suspicious marks on the throat. His body was identified at the Morgue to-day by his son Joseph. The marks on the man's throat were such as might have been made by a strangler, thought Dr. O'Hanlon, and he refused to permit the burial of the body.

According to the younger Facciola, his father had been discharged last Thursday from a sanatorium at Islip, L. I., where he had been confined since last June. He disappeared from his son's house, at No. 23 Mulberry street, last Friday. At that time he had no money in his possession.

"I think that perhaps my father tried to strangle himself before he threw himself into the water, if he did commit suicide," said his son. "He had been despondent."

## MAJOR WILLCOCKS DEAD.

Was Oldest Captain in Ninth Regiment and Spanish War Veteran.

Major Washington J. Willcocks, of the Ninth Regiment, died yesterday at his home, No. 137 West Ninetieth street, after a long illness. He was forty-seven years old, and the oldest line captain in the Ninth. He served through the Spanish-American War as major, and while on duty there contracted the disease of which he died. He will be buried with military honors from his home on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. o'clock. A widow and daughter survive him.

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## SKELETON IN WOODS THAT OF A BOY SUICIDE

Identified as Milton Kaufman, Who Disappeared Last June.

Milton Kaufman, vice-president of L. F. Robertson & Co., wholesale leather dealers, No. 37 Spruce street, has identified the skeleton found Thursday in Ridgefield Park, N. J., as that of his seventeen-year-old brother, Gerard, and believes the boy committed suicide. The boy disappeared Jan. 9 from their home in the Teaneck apartment-house No. 333 Broadway, and constant search since then had been unsuccessful. A paragraph in the newspapers setting out the finding of the skeleton in Ridgefield Park caused the brother to hasten to the place, since that had been a favorite resort of the boy. His name in a book lying nearby and marks of his clothing made the identification practically certain.

Information furnished by the family leads to the belief that the bullet hole in his forehead came from a revolver in his own hand rather than from that of a murderer, though they may have not known the boy to have been carrying the weapon.

Young Gerard had always been regarded by the family as peculiar. His younger brother Jerome characterized him as a studious boy, fond of steering at night and working hard during the day. He liked very little with boys of his own age, and spent much of his time with the family.

The book found beside the skeleton was an electrical text-book of a correspondence school, on which the family had warned him he was spending too much of his time.

One of his few recreations was botanical expeditions to the woods of Ridgefield Park, which he had begun while studying that subject in high school. He was moody and dependent much of the time on the family.

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